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## Welcome from the Editor

Are you like me and still think of the year in school terms? Granted, it's been a long time since I left education, but still my mind measures time according to the trigger points of term dates. And so I'm pleased to tell you that this, my friends, is the autumn term. Welcome.

A bit like we think of spring, I consider autumn to be a time of newness. For me it was previously marked by new pens, pencils and pencil cases, new uniforms, new teachers, even a new school. Some of you will be in that very boat, probably with a bit of nervousness seasoned by a dash of anticipation. That's okay. We've all been there and things will settle down, I promise.



For me this year, autumn brings new challenges and exciting events. Most particularly is our very first **Volunteer Expo**. Hopefully you'll have seen our advert in the summer issue of LINK and have noticed a few posters around town. Are you planning to join us? The day will be held at the Community Centre, The Dormers, Highworth, and will feature many of the volunteer and charity organisations who serve our town. **This is your opportunity to come along and see what they do and, most importantly, sign up to volunteer some of your time.** Perhaps you only have an hour a week, maybe you have more, but whatever time you feel you can give will go a long way to helping other people.

There's a bit of a secret about volunteering that I bet you don't know. You see, when you give of yourself you receive far more in return than the other person gains. It's almost like magic. You don't expect it and you can't always see it coming, but then it'll slowly sidle up to you and you'll suddenly realise that you've been blessed in blessing someone else. Often new friendships are made, new experiences found, new things learned, and in it all your one or two hours a week becomes part of something much bigger.

### **Why not give it a try? It doesn't hurt to look**

The event starts at 10am so that gives you time to shop at the market and High Street before heading down just a short way to the Community Centre. There's parking if you need it and you can be sure of a warm welcome. This is a no pressure event – you don't have to sign up to anything – but at least come along and see what's on offer.

I'll be there, so come and say hi.

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Front Cover: Jo Hicks and Linda Young who have qualified to represent Wiltshire. See article on page 30

## Rock of Ages

Our community has been experiencing something of a shaking these past few months. There have been a number of unexpected deaths and these have caused great heartache for many, not least for the families of those who have lost their loved ones.

Over the summer, Warneford School students put on a performance of Rock of Ages, a musical playing on the words of the well-known hymn by the same name. The story behind the hymn is that of Reverend Augustus Toplady (what a name!) who was walking at Burrington Combe, Somerset, when a violent storm struck. He sheltered himself in a gap in the rocks and waited for the storm to pass.

One particular line stands out to me: *Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.*

I was reminded of a verse from Psalms 61 verse 2:

*From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.*

These verses are so appropriate for our days. When life's storms come we may question our purpose and meaning. We may feel weary with sorrow, as if we are speaking into a wilderness with only our own echo for company. But this Psalm says that our prayers, the deepest longings of our hearts, are never lost on God who promises to be a refuge to those who cry out to Him and a place of safety when we feel threatened and unsafe.

My prayer is that you would know the God who is a sure and solid Rock, a place you can run to when you feel lost, afraid or alone.



Jon Hares  
Highworth Community Church

## Highworth In Bloom Appeal to Dog Owners

As many residents will know, Highworth in Bloom is the scheme which provides many of the flower troughs around the town; that is those not provided by the town council. It is a scheme run by volunteers and, as ever, we thank all of them for their efforts in enhancing the appearance of our town.

Unfortunately some have reported that, when tending their troughs, they have to cope with the results of dogs fouling on or near the trough. Obviously this is very unpleasant for the volunteers and can ruin the appearance and environment for everyone. We would ask owners to please prevent their dogs from spoiling the work of our volunteers and help ensure that we can continue to make our town a more pleasant place for us.

Thank you.

Highworth In Bloom

## New Minister for Highworth Methodist Church

We are very pleased to announce that our new minister, the Reverend Joseph Ribeiro, together with his wife Martha, will start his appointment at the church on 1 September.

Joseph's welcome service will be at Shrivenham Methodist Church on 31 August starting at 6pm.

Joseph's first service at Highworth will be on **Sunday 3 September at 10.30am**. Everyone is invited to join us on this joyful occasion.

## New Rector for St. Michael's Church

St Michael's Church are pleased to announce we have a new Rector, Reverend Phil Goodey. Phil and his wife Sandra will be joining us in the autumn. Phil's licensing service will be held at St Michael's Church, Highworth on **Tuesday 3 October**.

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## Highworth Debt Help Charity Expanding

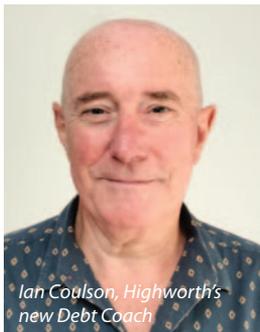
The team at Highworth Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre, based at The Bridge Centre, Sheep Street, is expanding as demand for their services increases.

The Debt Centre team has appointed Ian Coulson as an additional Debt Coach, increasing the support available to local people.

Since opening in 2014, the centre has seen steady growth in the number of people seeking help with their financial issues.

Kathryn Ford, CAP Debt Centre Manager, said, 'Since we started, it has been wonderful to be able to help so many families and individuals go debt free in the Highworth and Swindon area. They can now move forward with their lives without the constant stress, worry and anxiety that often comes with being in debt. Over recent years, we've seen the need for free debt help grow in our area and we want to be able to help as many people as we possibly can. Now, with the addition of Ian to the team, it's great to be able to offer more support for local people.'

Ian said, 'I just love this area, I love Highworth, and I love its people. I want to give something back and the CAP Debt Centre gives me a chance to do that. I can work with people and walk



*Ian Coulson, Highworth's new Debt Coach*

with them as they see real change and a way out of debt.'

The friendly Highworth centre team (see picture) also offer Lifeskills courses, Job Club courses and money coaching.

### How to seek help

If you are struggling with your finances, visit [capuk.org/help](http://capuk.org/help) or call 0800 328 0006 free of charge.

For more information on a wider range of free help available, visit [moneyhelper.org.uk](http://moneyhelper.org.uk).

If you're interested in finding out more about how you can directly support your local CAP centre, contact Kathryn Ford on [kathrynford@capuk.org](mailto:kathrynford@capuk.org).



*CAP's local centre team, 1 to 7: Eoli Pieri, Claire Titcombe, Sue Tollington, Maria Walker, Alfie Howe, Jackie Kerr, Phil Baker, Kelly Jupp, Kathryn Ford & Dave Boyle*

## Faringdon and District u3a

Sjoerd Vogt will come to us on **Thursday 14 September** to talk about the link between Tolkien and the Folly Tower. Apparently, our Folly Tower was the likely inspiration for Saruman's nightmarish Tower and Hobbiton Hill was probably modelled on Folly Hill.

Over the years many admirers of the Middle Earth sagas have guessed at what was the inspiration for the other striking features of the landscapes created by JRR Tolkien. This talk will certainly appeal to all readers and also to many of us who regularly walk up on the Folly. **The talk is to be held in the Faringdon Corn Exchange at 2.30pm.**

Refreshments are available to everyone after the talk, but visitors are required to pay £1.50.

All attendees are requested that they must be in good health and up to date with the covid vaccinations. If in doubt please stay at home.



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## Highworth Community Cider Group

The Highworth Community Cider Group was formed many years ago with help and support from the Highworth Business Group. The aim of the endeavour was to collect local apples, turn them into cider and sell the cider to generate a profit that could be split between donations to local initiatives and to cover cider group costs.

This year we have been able to make two donations of £250 to local organisations. The first was to the Highworth Community Shed which aims to support physical and mental health through creativity and friendship and is affiliated to the UK Men's Shed Association. The donation was gratefully received and will go towards the purchase of raw materials for future projects.

In the autumn a small group of scouts, as part of their



Cider and Scouts

community service project at Coleshill, braved the wind and rain to collect nearly a ton of apples which were then donated to our cider group. In recognition of this gargantuan effort and in recognition of the great work Highworth Scouts do for the young in the Highworth area, we made a second £250 donation to the scouting group.

We hope to make further donations to local groups in the future as funding allows. If you would like to know more find us on Facebook by searching 'Highworth Community Cider Group' and look out for us on the podium on market days throughout the autumn, where we will be demonstrating the cider making process.

*Dave Silcock*

*Highworth Community Cider Group*



Cider and HW Shed

## Inner Wheel Club of Wiltshire

Ladies, did you know there's a thriving Inner Wheel Club in your area? We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Blunson House Hotel.

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in association with the Rotary Club of Swindon North.

If you think you would like to be part of this, do give me a call for more information. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

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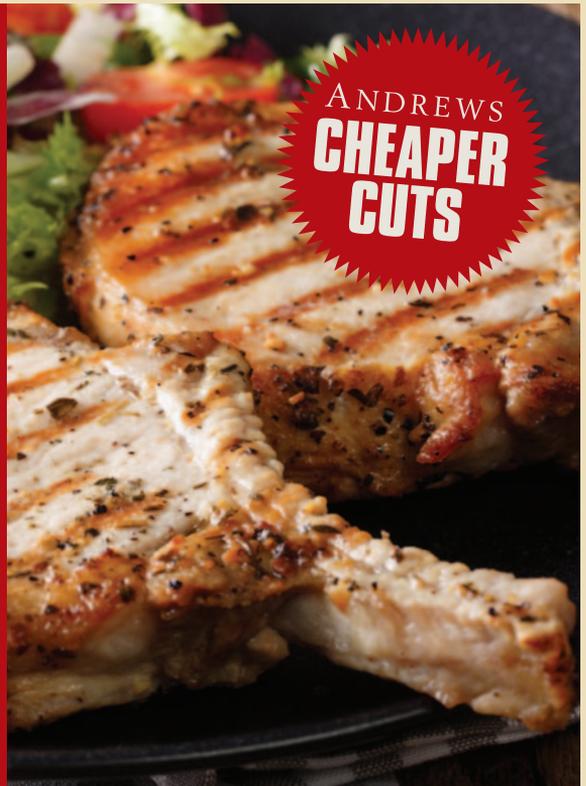
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## Bellringers Needed at St. Michael's Church

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In Highworth, we practise on a Thursday evening and then ring for Sunday service, for weddings, and other special occasions.

We are a very sociable and friendly group who ring at other churches in and around Swindon. We also have competitions and ringing outings to churches outside our area and can usually be found in one of the local pubs following our Thursday night practise.

If you fancy having a go and would like to find out more, or maybe you are a lapsed ringer (you would be very welcome back), give Rob a call on 01793 762516 or email [rob@highworthtower.co.uk](mailto:rob@highworthtower.co.uk).

In other news and in celebration of St Michael's Day, local bell ringers will attempt a peal of 5040 changes on **Saturday 30 September**. Ringing will commence



around 10am and is expected to finish around 1pm.

Bells rung English-style are uniquely controlled with ropes and wheels to enable ringers to ring predefined sequences of changes or permutations. A peal is a non-stop sequence of a minimum of 5,000 changes where each sequence is different and cannot be repeated on seven or more bells. This takes around three hours to ring and is the bell ringers' equivalent of a marathon, requiring concentration and stamina to complete the peal.

## Lunch Together

**As our name suggests, the aim of our group is to have an opportunity to eat lunch in the company of others. Highworth Evening WI run the meetings, with support from the Lions and friends too, including Sharon at The Goldfinger.**

We meet twice a month, when we not only enjoy a hot meal but also some entertainment and, of course, friendship. Last month we had the delightful children of the Westrop school choir come to sing to the guests again, which is always a pleasure. Other times we may play in-house

games, enjoy quizzes, or visits from musicians. This summer we enjoyed a pub lunch and a garden party.

If you are interested in joining us for the chance to make new friends, please call Mary on 01793 861173.



## Highworth Choral Society

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our summer concert performance of Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle at St. Michael's Church on 15 July. We received some wonderful audience comments. Thank you to everyone who came.



HCS was formed in 1978, holding regular concerts mostly in Highworth and the surrounding areas as well as further afield, for over 40 years. However, the last few years have been a challenge for singers and musicians everywhere, with lots of stopping and starting due to Covid, and so this year marks the first full year since 2019 that we have successfully completed all three of our scheduled concerts. It was also the first hat trick under the baton of our permanent musical director, Jen Bamford, who joined us in September 2022.

We are a friendly and welcoming mixed voice (SATB), non-auditioned choir of approximately 50 singers with capacity for more members. Our simple aim is to share the joy of making music to the very best of our ability and to perform it to

the highest standard. An ability to read music, although an advantage, is not essential – being able to sing in tune and a good sense of humour probably is.

If you would like to join us to sing Vivaldi's Gloria and a variety of Christmas music on **9 December**, we will be starting rehearsals on **4 September** at Highworth Methodist Church 7:30 to 9:30pm. A single-term Friends membership is also available to experienced or former HCS members who would like to sing with us for a particular concert or work.



Rosemarie Williams  
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## Arthritis Information Evening – 5th October

On Thursday 13th July we had an open evening at Highworth Holistic Health. The health topic for discussion was diabetes, and we had a very interesting time discussing how diabetes develops. We discussed the chemical changes that happen in the body in response to the way we eat, and the stresses of modern life. We then explored some of the changes that can be made to diet and lifestyle to address those chemical changes. This talk was part of a series looking at chronic conditions that can be affected by diet and lifestyle and exploring changes that can be made which might make life a little more comfortable.

The next two talks are on **Arthritis on 5th October**, then on **Thursday 11th January 2024 we turn our attention to Osteoporosis**.

The talks are led by Jane Faulkes, who is a McTimoney Chiropractor and nutritional therapist. They are informal and free of charge. Numbers are limited to allow for meaningful group discussion, and you will need to book to secure your place.

Please contact us on 07761 001814 or [highworthholistichealth@gmail.com](mailto:highworthholistichealth@gmail.com) to reserve your space.

## Latest News from Big Highworth

Thanks to everyone who took part in and attended our Charity Craft Fair and Charity Coffee Morning in June.

On 2 September we launched our Cash For Christmas Raffle, where ten winners can win up to £150. Tickets cost £2 each. Follow our Facebook page for further details [www.facebook.com/BigHighworth](http://www.facebook.com/BigHighworth)

Our Community Charity BBQ is being held at The Highworth on **Saturday 9 September** from 12pm to 5pm. Tickets are on sale from The Highworth now and will be available on the day too. We will be holding a cash raffle with two winners.

Our last Charity Craft Fair of 2023 at St Michael's Church, Highworth, is on **Saturday 16 September**. There will be a variety of new stalls of great items. The Uplands Enterprise Trust will be offering hot and cold drinks and cake, and 100% of the money raised from our raffle on the day goes to the good causes we are supporting.

On **Saturday 30 September**, we will be holding our Charity Coffee Morning at Highworth Methodist Church. Pop along for a slice of delicious cake and a hot drink for £2.



Next month, on **Saturday 21 October**, Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist Dennis DeMille will be performing a Charity Concert. Tickets are on sale on Eventbrite priced at £15 each. Search 'Big Highworth' at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk). Alternatively, seats can be booked direct by emailing [bighighworthevents@gmail.com](mailto:bighighworthevents@gmail.com).

Thanks for your continued support.

*Alison, Russell and Chris  
(Big Highworth management team)*

## Highworth Historical Society

**This is a reminder that we are holding our very short, ten minutes approximately, AGM on Wednesday 27 September.**

Then, after a short break, we are having a 'Show and Tell' evening. Some of our members will talk about items that they have found, bought or inherited. All with a story. Feel free to bring something of your own.

If you have decided to become a member then bring your £12 membership fee. This will cover all nine of next year's talks. If you just come as a visitor then bring £3 cash please.

If you are new to the town, we meet at St. Michael's Hall on Lechlade Road.

For this event doors will open a little earlier than usual at 6:45pm. We will aim to start the AGM at 7pm.

If you need more details contact Chris 01793 764811.

Looking ahead, our October talk will be on more modern history. Peter Williams will be speaking on 'Bosnia: A Tragedy Recalled'. More details will be in next month's LINK magazine.

## Goodbye and Thanks, Trish

Mornings will not be the same in the High Street without Trish's happy smiling face in McColl's. Always welcoming and helpful, you have seen us through Covid and the shop fire. You will be missed by many.

Best wishes for the future.

*David Roblin and friends*

## Friendship Fridays' First Birthday!

It is difficult to believe that it has been a year since Forget-Me-Not started a weekly drop-in cafe on Friday mornings in the Council Room in Gilberts Lane. About a dozen people attended the first session and we were really pleased. Thirty-five attended the first anniversary in June, in addition to seven volunteers. Thanks to everyone involved in making it happen.

It has been our pleasure and privilege to provide an environment where people can meet up, do crafts, play puzzles and games (always bingo), and have cake! We have seen friendships develop between customers, which has been marvellous. Thanks as always to the Lions for providing transport, to Dumbledarts Bakery for an outstanding cake, to Highworth Town Council for their ongoing support in so many ways and to our amazing team of volunteers! It couldn't happen without them.

It was even more of a special occasion as Ruth is a finalist for the BBC Make A Difference awards this year and BBC Wiltshire Radio were there to do some filming and interviews. Ruth's vision to have a weekly friendship group has definitely made a difference to Fridays in Highworth, alongside the other groups too.

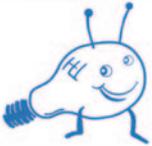


Friendship Friday happens every week between 10am and 12pm in the Council Rooms. Twice a month this is followed by the Forget-Me-Not Dementia Friendly Choir in St. Michael's Church, with singing and sandwiches. There is, of course, the monthly memory café and regular Love to Move seated exercise sessions at the Community Centre. And we have an allotment now if you have green fingers. If you are interested email [forgetmenot.highworth@gmail.com](mailto:forgetmenot.highworth@gmail.com) or call Ruth on 07970 543423 for more information.

A colorful poster for St Michael's Church Highworth Youth Group. The poster features the church logo, the text 'YOUTH GROUP', 'YEAR 6+', 'TUESDAYS 7-8.30PM', 'FOOD . GAMES . FRIENDS', and 'Starting in September'. The poster also includes a photo of a group of people with their hands raised in the air. The background is white with yellow and red accents.



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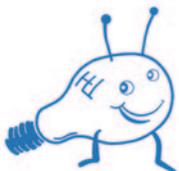
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## News from Southfield School

### Outdoor Learning

For our final term this year we have been looking at animals and nature. Mrs Barber brought in her dog and the children were able to look at x-rays of her broken toe and had a chance to listen to her heart. Lady was very calm and enjoyed the attention. Could we have some vets or veterinary nurses in the making?

We were very lucky to be given an intact, untreated wasps' nest which the children were able to dissect. The architecture of this amazing structure had the children enthralled. It truly was a work of art both outside and in. We may have inspired architects, artists and engineers. Time will tell!

To view what the children have been up to this year, go to our school website, and click on the 'Learning' tab. You might even get some ideas for getting out and about!



Mrs. Law

### Computing at the School



From webpage creation to e-safety, crumble kits to data loggers, 3D modelling to vector drawing, branching databases to audio production, and stop frame animation, we have been rather busy creating and developing across the year groups. The children have really engaged with the software and hardware that has presented new challenges and they have attempted each challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Samples of their work are available to view on our school website via the 'Learning' tab.

Mrs. Law

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## Highworth Camera Club at Buscot

The July Highworth Camera Club meeting was a shoot at Buscot Weir. The forecast was mixed with finer weather later and thankfully so it proved. Eleven Club members enjoyed some late evening sunshine following a (very) damp start to the evening.



If you are interested in any aspect of photography, then come along on the **second Tuesday of the month** to the Community Centre at 7:30pm. We are a very friendly club, and all levels from beginner to advanced are always welcome.

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Please book early as this is a very popular event.



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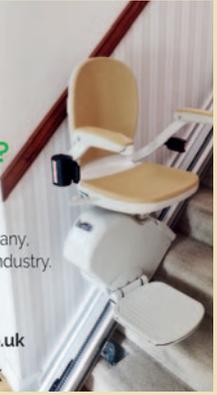
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## Letters to the Editor

### Dear Editor

*I know of one other person besides myself who has been a victim of fraud in recent weeks so I want everyone to be aware.*

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*Name withheld*

### From the Editor

*I recently received a letter from a reader which was handed in to the Lighthouse Bookshop concerning the timescales for delivery of the LINK magazine.*

*Thank you, dear reader, for your encouragement and comments, but you didn't include your name or address so I have no way of investigating your concerns. If you'd like to pop another note into the Bookshop with those details I'll be sure to personally look into the matter for you. In the meantime, please be assured that our volunteers work hard to deliver the magazine in a timely manner, but personal circumstances sometimes mean they can't deliver for the first of the month and I understand this can be frustrating for readers. I look forward to hearing from you again.*

*Rachael – Editor*

## South Marston Gardening Club

On Monday 4 September, Sonia Wright will come to us from her long-established plant nursery (near the Ridgeway in Ogbourne St George) to speak on the topic of *Autumn Gardens*. As well as plants, Sonia offers horticultural courses and workshops and has designed and installed major landscape projects, as well as realising medal-winning gardens at The Chelsea Flower Show. Sonia has also appeared on the BBC TV programme *Gardeners World*.

Harriet Rycroft will be with us on **Monday 2 October** to talk about *Planting Pots for Winter Interest and Spring Joy*. The talk will include slides followed by a demonstration on creating container plantings which last from September to May using bulbs, perennials, shrubs and bedding plants. Harriet was head gardener at Whichford Pottery and now is a freelance gardener, speaker and writer. She has a new book, 'Pots', which came out in October. Harriet will bring copies at a reduced rate of £10 instead of £12.99.

Both events will be held at South Marston Village Hall from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Parking is available on Old Vicarage Lane, next to the school. Refreshments included. Optional raffle. A warm welcome awaits you.

There is a £3 entry fee on the door or you can join the Gardening Club for £12 annual membership.

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You are always welcome to come and visit us to see the school in action.

## Our Ethos

We are an inclusive school catering for the needs of all of our young people, no matter what their ability or background.

We provide a well-rounded education that enables our students to acquire and develop the skills, knowledge and personal attributes they will need throughout their adult lives.

This is complemented by an absolute focus on **academic achievement**, with our students aiming for the very best exam grades that will ensure ongoing success.

Some of our students need extra support and our amazing SEN and Pastoral teams are always there to help where needed.

# The School Profile: Highworth Warneford



## Get to know the schools in your area.

*This issue:* **Highworth Warneford School**

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## The Warneford Way

We are very proud of our school and our amazing students. When youngsters join us, they become part of our family and we do everything to nurture them and enable them to reach their potential.

Our House system forms the backbone of the school and underpins much of what we do – from pastoral care to student leadership and beyond.

We are modern in outlook but also cherish our traditions. We celebrate our students' achievements at every opportunity and hard work is rewarded.

Behaviour and attitudes to learning are excellent – our specialist teachers can teach using the very best educational approaches and students can learn without distraction.

We are particularly proud of the many opportunities available outside of the classroom – clubs, activities, sports, music, events, trips, work experience, Duke of Edinburgh's Award and residential. There is something for everyone!

## Five Principles

Everything the school does is based on five clear and powerful principles:

**Excellence:** every student must aim for excellence in everything that they do

**Aspiration:** students should aspire to do amazing things and not settle for doing 'just enough'

**Challenge:** we will improve students' resilience and help them to adapt to face life's many challenges

**Values:** our students will develop independence and confidence and become moral, curious and enterprising learners, leaders and adults

**Community:** the school is part of local, national and international community

## Our School

Sited on the edge of Highworth, we have plenty of outdoor space and this definitely gives the school a lovely, rural and community feel, as well as giving us strong sporting provision.

The school has excellent, specialist facilities that enable our students to access a wide range of subjects at a high level. This includes a large, modern Sports Hall, a full range of DT and IT rooms and well-provisioned Science labs.



## News from Highworth and District Lions Club

It's been a busy few months for us here and we were enjoying the beautiful weather before the rain appeared. Unfortunately, our July car boot sale was rained off but we are hopeful the weather will be kind for our future sales. Our next car boot sale is on Saturday 16 September. Please message us via our Facebook page or email me to reserve a pitch.

During the summer we took some residents and their staff from Grove Hill Care Home for a day trip to Weston-super-Mare. It was a very hot and enjoyable day at the seaside where they walked along the promenade, had fish and chips for lunch and a visit to the Grand Pier to take in the sights, before having an ice cream to cool down prior to heading home. We are so pleased we could put on such an enjoyable day out for the residents.

Our President, Norman Little, was invited to the Wyvern Theatre to present the Lions Clubman Trophy at the Highworth Town Football Club end-of-season awards. We were honoured to be invited back to the awards to present this trophy and would like to wish



all the Highworth football teams all the best for their next season.

In July we donated money to the following causes:

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Highworth Arts and Crafts Show: £250

*Melanie Davenport  
Highworth and District Lions Club  
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## HIGHWORTH WARNEFORD SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS 2023



Highworth Warneford is an excellent and friendly secondary school providing an outstanding learning environment, which allows students to thrive and develop their academic, personal and social skills.

There will be a number of opportunities to help prospective students and their parents get to know the school better. These include:

- An **OPEN EVENING** on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 5pm until 7.30pm. You will be able to take a tour of the school, speak to students and staff and listen to a presentation from the Headteacher at either 6pm or 7pm.
- **OPEN MORNINGS** on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. If you wish to see the school in action, please contact Mrs Lewis to book an appointment: email [llewis@warnefordschool.org](mailto:llewis@warnefordschool.org) or phone 01793 767083.
- Detailed information on the school's website, including Frequently asked Questions.



*We look forward to meeting you!*

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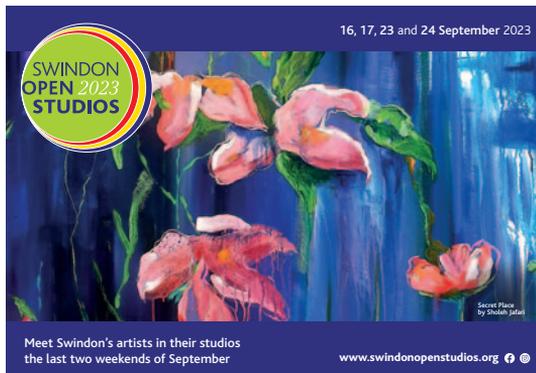
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## Swindon Open Studios is Bigger Than Ever

Swindon artists are once again showcasing their diverse creativity and opening their studios to the public over the weekends of 16 to 17 September and 23 to 24 September as part of the Swindon Open Studios event. Swindon has a wealth of artistic talent across many art practices and this year the event is going to be bigger than ever.

Many of the artists will be opening their own studio doors, whilst others will be showing their work in designated pop up venues all over Swindon and within a 15 mile radius of the town centre. Participants will be happy to discuss their work with visitors and many will



be giving demonstrations of their practice. You may even be offered tea and cake in the garden before setting off to your next discovery and possible purchase!



Committee member Deborah Battaglia says, 'This event is about showcasing local talent and connecting people through art. Many people consider the creation of artwork to be akin to magic and take great pleasure in coming to see artists in their studios amidst the mucks and messes of paint, clay, glass or stone, and possibly even having an opportunity to try something for themselves.'

The artists closest to Highworth are to be found at Stanton Country Park in the Barn and the Farmhouse; Sean Marsh and Deborah Battaglia are in Stratton, and Maria McCann is in South Marston. These are all listed in the brochure at venues 1 to 5.

Brochures for Swindon Open Studios are available from community and sports venues, libraries and many pubs, cafes, bars and retail outlets throughout the town and surrounding areas. Click the QR code to go directly to our website.

## The Arts Society Upper Thames

Are you interested in all aspects of art, history and culture? The Arts Society Upper Thames (formerly known as NADFAS) is now recruiting new members for the start of our season in September.

Ten one-hour fully illustrated lectures each year are held in Lechlade Memorial Hall. We meet between September and June in the afternoon of the second Thursday of the month, listening to the lecture and making friends over a cup of tea. Our programme secretary will have commissioned one of 380 accredited lecturers to give us our talk from one of his or her specialist subjects. The quality of the lecturers and the wide range of subjects always captivates our members.

Past and future lectures are there for you to see on our website as are past day visits and our longer holidays. If you're interested in joining, all you need to know can be seen on our website.

Rodney Mountford  
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## Highworth Amateur Dramatics Society

Greetings all from HADS, and some big news! Auditions for our next production will be held on **Thursday 7 September** at Highworth Community Centre, 8pm, with performance dates planned for February 2024. As with most local drama groups, we are low on numbers since the pandemic and would welcome anyone who is

interested in being involved, be it on stage, with lights and sound, or even just with front of house on the production nights. We hope to see you there. If you're unable to attend that evening but would like to be involved, please email us.

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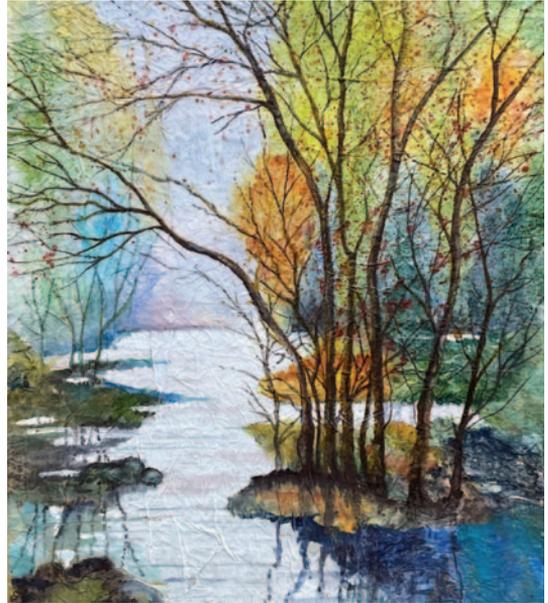
## Highworth Artists' Society

As summer days grow shorter, we are starting to prepare for our autumn exhibition that will run from 7 to 14 October in the Council Offices. Our members have been exploring subjects including travels along with the monthly themes of mountains and still life, producing a wide range of interpretations. One of these are shown here – you may see more at the exhibition!



The autumn exhibition is traditionally when the Bill Bartrop trophy is awarded to the artist whose painting is chosen as the favourite by the guest who formally opens the exhibition. Bill was a local artist and businessman, who was chairman of the society from 2001 to 2006. He encouraged all those who wanted to paint and the trophy is a fitting tribute to a man who gave so much to the society and the pursuit of painting.

We are delighted to have new members painting with us at our Tuesday workshops. If you are interested in joining please contact us via [highworthartistsociety@gmail.com](mailto:highworthartistsociety@gmail.com). There is also information on our Facebook page



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Hilary Sinclair

## New Season for Highworth Community Cinema



We may have lost the Empire Cinema at Greenbridge but Highworth Community Cinema is still going strong in its 17th year. We begin our 2023/24 season on Friday 22 September.

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I cannot believe it has been a year since I began writing for the Young Journalists section of the Highworth LINK! What a brilliant year it has been!

School is back for another year and I'm starting Year 8. There are lots of new challenges and adventures awaiting me, I'm sure of it.

Many people will be starting university, school, college, nursery, or new jobs. You may be unsure of what to expect and have worries of what your future will entail. I felt nervous and excited to start secondary school last year but I soon overcame my fears and, after a term, I was very happy there.

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*Constance Davenport*

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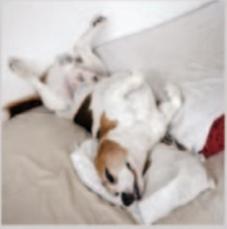
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## Highworth Bowls Club



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The frantic activity has continued at Highworth Bowls Club over the last few months with much to keep members busy. The club played host to a touring team from Exeter (Exonia BC) and also hosted a game between the Swindon & District Association and their counterparts

from Southampton & District. Both games resulted in wins for the local sides. On the Friendly front, the only defeat to date has come against local rivals Fairford Bowls Club by just one shot. Several new members, recruited during the very successful open day in May, have been receiving coaching and several of our sponsors have taken to the green to have a go at bowls. On the competitive front, the men's and ladies' Swindon & District rinks teams, at the end of July, were both in the hunt for the league title. With only half a dozen games to go the men were in a three-way tussle with Shrivenham and Royal Wootton Bassett for the title, whilst the ladies league was extremely tight with up to six teams including Shrivenham and RWB vying to prevent Highworth from taking the honours. Two Highworth teams were also in contention for the top spot in the Swindon & District Afternoon Triples League. If the men's A team win their last four games they will be crowned Champions of Division 1 whilst the B team also had a chance to take the Division 5 title but must close a small gap to leaders Ramsbury & Aldbourne if this is to be realised. On the National front, congratulations to Jo Hicks and Linda Young (pictured L-R) who have qualified to represent Wiltshire in the Ladies' Pairs event at the National Championships which take place in Leamington.

[www.highworthbowlsclub.org](http://www.highworthbowlsclub.org)  
Christopher Davis

## Highworth Town FC Juniors

With the end of another football season came the end of season celebration and awards for HTFC Juniors. This year we returned to the Wyvern Theatre after a brief spell at the clubhouse (due to the pandemic). There were six shows across the day covering all the age groups, leading to a busy day for those involved – but it was worth it. There were four different awards on offer in the presentations: Players' Player of the Season;

Manager's Player of the Season; 100+ Appearances for the club, and 150+ Appearances. Each recipient of a Player of the Season award was given a trophy, whilst those being congratulated for their service and dedication to the club were given a plaque. As well as awards, there were a couple of performances during the show with UK Freestyling Football's number two Shannon Ghee showing her skills. A big thank you to the Wyvern Theatre for letting us use the facilities. If you would like to make any enquiries or gather information about any of our teams you can visit our website.



End-of-Season Presentations

[www.highworthtownjuniorsfc.co.uk](http://www.highworthtownjuniorsfc.co.uk)  
Josh Fisher

## Highworth Town Walking Football Club

Our ladies team came runners-up in July in the Caldicot Walking Football Tournament, narrowly missing out in the final 1-0 to Melksham. In the group games they won three, drew two, and only lost one game; again to Melksham. On the same day at Grange Leisure Centre, our over-50's sadly lost 1-0 to Weston-super-Mare in the regional final of the National Cup after having won the third round in June 6-4 away to Torquay Utd. Still great achievements for both Highworth teams getting to the finals. If you are interested in playing competitive or social walking football, **men's sessions are held on Thursdays with ladies on Sundays, both 11am to 12pm at**



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*Shakers & SPARKS FC team-mates pose with Swindon Mayor, Abdul Amin pre-match*

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## Local Win for Swindon Walking Football Team in Parkinson's Friendly T'ournament.

A recent walking football tournament has been won by Shakers FC, a local Parkinson's team, following a convincing 4-1 victory. The match was between Shakers FC and Sparks FC, a team of Parkinson's nurses, physiotherapists and speech and language therapists from Great Western Hospitals. It took place at Swindon Supermarine FC's Super-Dome back in April. Physical activity can offer many benefits for people with Parkinson's including better strength, coordination, mobility, and increased mental wellbeing. Walking football can also help people with Parkinson's to get active in a fun, social, and engaging way. The Shakers recently received grant funding from Parkinson's UK and the Walking Football Association to help more people with Parkinson's enjoy being active in a fun and social way. If you are suffering from Parkinson's, or know someone who is and would be interested in joining a local group, then contact Julian Farmer, Head Coach of Shakers FC, for more information about the new local walking football sessions.

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## Wrag Barn

As Cyndi Lauper sang, 'Girls just wanna have fun,' and thanks to our Lady Captain, Suzanne Hunt, we had a

huge amount of fun during her Lady Captain's Day. The theme was black and white and visitors may have been bemused to find people dressed up as jokers, maids, a mad hatter, or a model from the Chanel catwalk. The instructions for our 18 holes of golf needed some concentration as there were rainbow holes, spin the wheel to see which club to use, putting with airflow practice balls, and the option to pay someone to take your drive (with variable success), not forgetting putting whilst standing on one leg. The sun shone, the Prosecco flowed and, as always, there were some wonderful prizes. The winning team of Jan Young, Anne Gardiner and Karen Walker were a few points clear of the runners-up, Hope Jack, Verity Manners and Sophie Sayer. There were prizes for 'nearest the pin' and the 'straightest drive', with a special mention for the best costume. Anyone who lost a ball in the water received a replacement and everyone went home full of good cheer and laughter. Thank you Suzanne for a wonderful day and to your team of volunteers who dressed up and supported by running the putting competition, acting as marshal, or taking drives.

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*Lady Captain's Day*



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Making good use of the summer weather (in England that normally means the rain is warmer) HRC again relocated their Wednesday evening training sessions to an assortment of car parks in the wonderfully rural locations in reach of the town. Some of these car parks were attached to licensed establishments which may have been part of the attraction – I wouldn't like to say. Having enjoyed the towpaths along the River Thames, various sections of the Roman Ridgeway and a myriad of local bridleways, the club will revert back to the pavements of Highworth from the 13 September onwards. Whilst possibly not matching the splendour of the summer runs, the winter Wednesdays form the backbone of the club's allure with the town's hills a repeating challenge to conquer. If interested in coming along and joining Highworth's 'hi-vis conga' please pop along any Wednesday you choose, meeting in the Brewery Street car park at 6:20pm ready for a 6:30pm start and finishing regularly before 7:30pm. Please do try to wear something bright, reflective, or flashing as the darker evenings arrive. All abilities are both catered and hoped for. Please take a look at the website for more information. We look forward to meeting you soon.

*Photograph: Lee Plank  
www.highworthrunningclub.co.uk  
Jason Daniels*

## Shrivenham Golf Club

It has been a busy couple of months at Shrivenham Park Golf Course, with improvements made to the irrigation and the arrival of an orange monster tractor to help with the very thirsty fairways and tee-boxes. Some work is ongoing and we thank everyone for their continued patience. Away from the Greenkeepers'

update, we have had plenty of tournaments to keep our clubs swinging. During the summer we crowned our annual champions in Debbie Elbourn (Ladies' Champion), Paul Warneford (Men's Champion) and Colin Taylor (pictured) our Men's Senior Champion, not to mention the awards picked up by Neil Crawford, Tom Turner and Jamie Penfold.

Congratulations to all. Our ladies' enjoyed a friendly match with Deanwood Lady Golfers in which Pam and Molly won in the Ladies

Medals whilst the seniors had a great day out at North Wiltshire with John Crouch winning the Seniors Stapleford Medal. To add to the haul our men won in the Central Sevens away at Studley Wood! Well done everyone. At the time of writing there were still a number of competitions left to play as the summer progressed and luck was wished to all taking part. Lastly, but in no way least, the club would like to welcome its new members and we hope you enjoy playing at Shrivenham Park Golf Club.



*Men's Senior Champion Golfer – Colin Taylor*

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*Carole Lee*

## Swindon Croquet Club

Swindon Croquet Club's Handicap team travelled to near Worcester to take on Broadwas. The sloping, inconsistent lawns gave the home team a huge advantage and the Swindon team struggled early on, trailing 6-2 after two rounds of games. However, once knowledge of the lawns had been gained, the Swindon team rallied and managed to halve the final three rounds of games to lose overall by a creditable 8-12. Player of the match was Beverly Briggs who,

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Fun on the slopes

partnered by husband Martin, won a doubles game followed by two singles victories. Team Captain, Clive Smith said, 'The slopes certainly favour the home team and make us realise the excellent quality of the lawns at Moredon.' Photographed (L-R) are Steve Hares, Clive Smith (Captain), Dave Booth, Beverly Briggs, Martin Briggs & Terry Clements.

[www.swindoncroquetclub.org.uk](http://www.swindoncroquetclub.org.uk)  
Jason Daniels on behalf of SCC

## Highworth Town Football Club

HTFC completed their pre-season of six games having won one, drawn four and lost one. An almost completely new squad, albeit with several returnees, started their league programme on 1 August, with away games in the FA Cup and Vase following. Help at home on match days is always welcome so if you'd like to join us please do get in touch. If interested, follow us on the website below or by using Facebook and Twitter.

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## News from Highworth's Mayor



**Hello. As promised, I want to tell you why the British Heart Foundation (BHF) is my chosen charity. I have been volunteering with the BHF for over 15 years. Firstly as a schools liaison, encouraging children to live happy and healthy lives and to raise money through skipping, and eventually becoming chairman of the Swindon Branch and helping them to raise around £500,000.**

How are donations spent? BHF is currently supporting 900 research projects, 480 lead researchers and 306 students. Last year it awarded £72.3m in new research grants and invested a further £94.7m in ongoing research activity. It has over £410m invested in its current research portfolio. BHF conducts over 54% of all heart and cardiovascular research in this country, more than twice as much as the government.

The most significant research it is funding is the

CureHeart project which aims to develop an injectable cure for the inherited heart muscle conditions which can kill young people. Last year, the BHF committed £30m – the largest research grant it has ever made – to the project. Every week in the UK, 12 people under the age of 35 die of an undiagnosed heart condition, very often caused by one of these inherited heart muscle diseases also known as genetic cardiomyopathies.

Not only does the BHF conduct research but it also works hard on prevention. It produces a wealth of material on how to lead healthy lives and has its own helpline and a free magazine called Heart Matters.

The BHF vision is a world free from the fear of heart and circulatory diseases. It raises money to research cures and treatments, so it can give people more time with the ones they love.

Want to learn more? Invite me to speak to your organisation. Please help me to help BHF by giving generously this year.

*Keith Smith  
Mayor of Highworth*

## News from Justin Tomlinson

### Work Experience with Warneford Students

Highworth Warneford students were centre stage as I kicked off my summer work experience programme last month. Our programme aims to provide a valuable insight into what a Member of Parliament does and what issues my office deals with each day.

Students learned about all the different types of casework we process, from wheelie bins to housing, and from parking issues to helping extremely vulnerable people. They were surprised to see just how much correspondence we process and deal with – it's not just about being in Parliament!

The students were also able to see how Westminster works, partaking in fun quizzes and debates. Warneford pupils debated whether the voting age should be lowered to 16 and if Ukraine should be allowed to join NATO immediately. They were very impressive in researching their arguments and putting forward their team's position.

The students also presented a Q&A session with me



where no topic was off the table, and I was interested to hear their opinions. Along with a representative from SBC, I also loved seeing their presentations on how they would improve their local area, including how they might overcome any challenges faced.

I believe it is hugely important to encourage young people to have an interest in politics and current affairs, and initiatives such as the Work Experience Programme play an important part in doing this. It is also an opportunity to listen to young people and understand the issues which are important to them, many of which are not always what you would expect.

A big thank you to the students who took part and to Warneford for being so supportive of the programme.

## St. Michael's Church

The church is open daily for private prayer.

The **10:15am Sunday Service** is held in Church and streamed live, and can be found at [www.twitch.tv/stmichaelshighworth](http://www.twitch.tv/stmichaelshighworth) or on YouTube by searching St. Michael's Church Highworth.

Other services include **Holy Communion** on the first Sunday of each month at 8:45am (excluding July) and **The 3 (Family Service)** on the third Sunday of the month at 3pm (excluding August).

**Tuesday Prayers** are held every Tuesday morning at 9am (note new time) and **Friday Blessings** are held every Friday morning at 9:15am. **Prayer Hour** is held in the Church Room on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 8pm, with the **Online Prayer Hour**, on the fourth Monday of the month, being available through Zoom via the email link obtained from the church office.

### We remember those who love and miss:

Dennis Skinner      Joan Jefferies  
Alexander Craigie      Molly Dane

### Praying for the roads in the town

**3 September**      Priory Green & Quarry Crescent  
**10 September**      Queen's Avenue & Redland Close  
**17 September**      Redlands Court & The Retreat  
**24 September**      Rivers Way & Roman Way

## St. Leonard's Parish Church Stanton Fitzwarren

**3 September**      Morning Praise, 9:30am  
**10 September**      Family Service: The Wise Man, 11am  
**17 September**      Team Service at Stratton, 10am  
**24 September**      Holy Communion, 9:30am

The church building will be open on every Wednesday in school term time from 10am to 4pm, or telephone 01793 762935 to organise for the building to be left open for you to visit safely. There may be changes to our programme, so please go to [www.stantonchurch.info](http://www.stantonchurch.info) for updates.



### With thanks to all those who have sponsored the floodlighting of St. Michael's Church



18/07/2023

*Barbara Knight, Thinking of you today Mum on your birthday, miss you lots, always in our thoughts. Lots of love Lyn, Ruth, Patrick & all your family xxx*

18/07/2023

*Dennis (Dad) Ackling. Happy Birthday Dad. Love & Miss you so much. Love Ian, Sue & Family. Gary, Bev & Family. Kim, Jeff. Conor, Kerry & Andrew xxxx*

28/07/2023

*Dennis (Dad) Ackling. 10 years since we heard your voice and saw your smile. Love & miss you more than words can say. Love Ian, Sue & family. Gary, Bev & family. Kim, Jeff, Conor, Kerry & Andrew xxxx*

8/8/2023

*Joy Ackling. Happy Birthday Mum. Love & miss you so much. Love Ian, Sue & family. Gary, Bev & family. Kim, Jeff, Conor, Kerry & Andrew xxxx*

24/08/2023

*Frank Dean - Birthday memories, missing you on this day as every day. Love Jean, Beverley, Sharon and families*

27/08/2023

*Barbara Knight, It's 13 years since you went Mum, can't believe it. Miss you every day, still think of things I want to ask you. Lots of love Lyn, Ruth, Patrick and all your family xxx*

19/09/2023

*Joyce Ryder. A special Mum, Nan and Great Nan. Loved and remembered every day, in our hearts you will always stay. Love from Janice & Pas, Louisa & Chris, Pep, Amy & Carina xxxxxx*

28/09/2023

*Remembering my Father, Charles (aka Gordon), who was born on 28th September 1923 in Aberdeen and died in March 2019*

To sponsor the floodlighting, please collect a form from the Church or from the Lighthouse Bookshop, or fill in the electronic form at [www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelshighworth.co.uk) If your dedication misses the copy deadline it will always appear in a later edition. Please send all church lighting requests to St Michael's Church Office, Vicarage Lane.

### IMPORTANT SUBMISSION UPDATE:

Please note the submission to the Church Office date is changing to ensure floodlighting requests can meet the Link deadline. We now need submissions by the last Friday of the month, 2 months prior as any submissions must be with the Link on the 1st of the previous month with no late submissions now possible. It's hard to get that in writing so please do contact the Church Office on 01793 762702 if you need clarification.

Submission date: **25th August 2023 for the October 2023 publication.**



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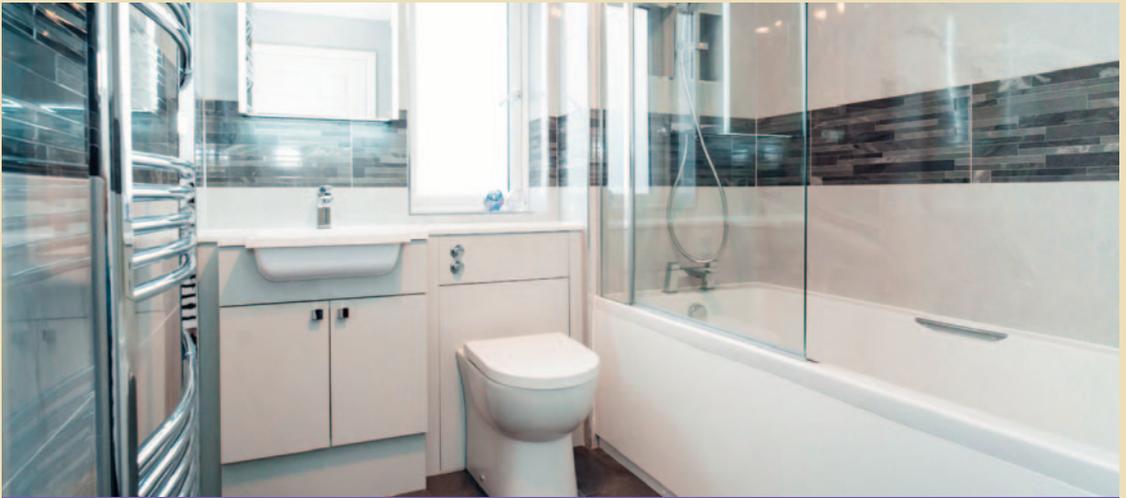
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